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2. (Amended) The <u>method</u> [use] according to claim 1, wherein said P34 protein is encoded by a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3, and wherein said antigenic fragment has an amino acid sequence selected from a group consisting of SEQ ID NO:4 and SEQ ID NO:5.

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 are still in the application.

The above amendment is submitted with respect to Claims 1-4 that were filed with and received by the International Authority on June 24, 2000. No new matter is believed to be introduced herewith.

Applicants believe that the present invention particularly as claimed herein, defines subject matter that is entitled to patent protection in the United States. Accordingly, an early and favorable action on the merits is believed to be appropriate and is courteously solicited.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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